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The Honorable Jim Hannah, Chief Justice
Arkansas Supreme Court
625 Marshall Street
Justice Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Administrative Plan - Sixteenth Judicial District

Dear Chief Justice Hannah:

I submit herewith the proposed Administrative Plan for the Sixteenth Judicial District.

There are four (4) Judges in the Sixteenth Judicial District and we have met together and in smaller groups on numerous occasions to work out this plan. We also met with the prosecuting attorney and all his deputies, all the public defenders, and received input from the clerks, probation personnel, law enforcement, and the private practicing attorneys within the district.

Our plan is the result of the collective input from all these groups.

The Judges in this district have always cooperated with conflicts and heavy dockets. Our plan is reflective of this and we will continue to work together to streamline the handling of this district's workload.

All the Judges willingly handle those cases from another division that are uncontested or need emergency action.

Should you have a question, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Choate', with a stylized, flowing script.

Stephen Choate

SC/ck